

PROGRAM NOTICE

February 18, 2004

STUDENT RECRUITMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR INCIDENT COMMANDERS (P 827) PILOT OFFERINGS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) United States Fire Administration (USFA) is conducting pilot classes for its six-day Fire Protection Systems for Incident Commanders course, and is recruiting students to attend.

The first pilot course will be July 18-23, 2004, with arrival Saturday, July 17 and departure Saturday, July 24. The second pilot is offered October 3-8, 2004, with arrival Saturday October 2 and departure Saturday, October 9. The courses will be conducted at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Students may apply for one of the two offerings.

A candidate pool of potential contract instructors may be developed from those students who successfully complete the pilot offerings.

Fire Protection Systems for Incident Commanders

* This course is designed to provide the student with the fundamental knowledge, skills and abilities to optimize the use of built-in fire protection systems to achieve control objective and strategic success in emergency operations. The course will emphasize the value of pre-incident planning and knowledge of the operational features of fire protection systems to protect lives and minimize property damage.

* Topics addressed in this course include developing model pre-incident plans; the importance of collecting and sharing information with other emergency responders; and understanding the fundamental operations, strengths and limitations of built-in fire protection systems including automatic sprinklers, standpipes, fire pumps, fire detection and alarm systems, smoke management systems, and special hazard fire protection equipment. Student Selection Criteria

* Anyone responsible for the command and control of incident operations, preferably in the built environment. Target audience should include command officers, company officers and those acting in that capacity. In addition, those officers who are upwardly mobile in their organizations and will or may be in command positions in the near future.

* A small number of fire prevention personnel with experience in fire protection systems and equipment also will be invited to attend.

Prerequisites

Students attending this class should have responsibility for command and control of incident operations, and have:

- * Not less than three years experience in fire suppression emergency operations.
- * Working knowledge of the Incident Command System.
- * Fundamental knowledge of building construction and fire protection systems.
- * Experience with pre-incident planning policies and procedures.

Fire prevention personnel attending this class should have:

* At least three years experience with plan review and/or inspection of fire protection systems, especially water-based fire suppression equipment.

Applications

* Students must complete FEMA General Admissions application (Form 75-5) available in the USFA Catalog of Activities or on its website at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/nfa/nfa-abt1c.shtm#75-5>. The course number is P827.

* The deadline for applications is Friday, May 28, 2004. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. Mail to:

United States Fire Administration
Admissions Office
16825 S. Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Applicants should not make plans to attend the pilots until notified in writing by the United States Fire Administration.

* Stipends are available for attendance at these pilots. Attendance at the pilot courses does not prevent a student from obtaining another stipend within the same fiscal year.